## HB6706 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SB1045 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT TO STORE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF EVICTED TENANTS SB1050 AN ACT ESTABLISHING TASK FORCES TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF EVICTIONS ON LANDLORDS AND RENT STABILIZATION POLICIES

Senator Moore, Representative Luxenberg and honorable Legislators of the Housing Committee;

## I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THESE BILLS (with amendments SB1050):

**HB6706** This bill attempts to streamline and improve the process by which RAP recipients search for and secure a contract to lease a rental unit while also expediting payment on behalf of the tenant to the landlord. We hope that this bill will greatly improve the ability of the RAP to expeditiously process a rental agreement and allow the RAP recipient the ability to occupy a unit within one month. The current system is bogged down in bureaucracy and archaic paperwork demands causing the recipient to be passed over in favor of an applicant that can pay rent and occupy sooner.

**SB1045** This bill relieves both the town and the landlord from the responsibility to store and pay the cost for storing the personal property left behind by evicted tenants. Removing this burden will help to reduce cost suffered by the towns and landlords and place the burden on the tenant to remove their property by the time of eviction or face the loss of it.

**SB1050** This bill establishes task forces to study the effect of evictions on landlords and the rent stabilization policies. This bill must make it clear that each task force MUST have equal representation from landlords and tenants on the panels. This will ensure a fair and workable solution that properly address any problems identified.

For these reasons, I urge you to support these bills.

Respectfully,

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